

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 12-34 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1-11 are pending. The claims have been further amended above to advance prosecution. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in the last paragraph of page 7 of the specification as well as the examples.

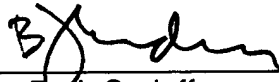
Entry of the above amendments and the Amendment of April 2, 2003, and allowance of claims 1-11 are requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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